

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD APRIL 23, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson D. Dale Mohr.

Prayer for guidance by Richard VanderKlok

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: D. Dale Mohr, Carol Scholma, Richard VanderKlok, Jim Wierenga, Steven Sanders, Chad Tuttle, Brett Strick

Also present: Daniel Carlton (Township Superintendent)

Absent: none

#120423-01 - Agenda as presented for April 23, 2012

The agenda was acceptable as submitted.

#120423-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. Finance Committee meeting minutes of [April 19, 2012](#)
- b. Services Committee meeting minutes of [April 16, 2012](#)
- c. Utilities Committee meeting minutes of [April 9, 2012](#)
- d. Library report for [December 2011](#)
- e. Library report for [January 2012](#)
- f. [Residential and commercial building permits 2010 to 2011](#)
- g. [Residential and commercial building permits 2011](#)
- h. Election Commission meeting minutes of [April 9, 2012](#)
- i. Jenison Historical Society [April 2012 Newsletter](#)
- j. Fire Report for [March 2012](#)
- k. [Letter](#) from Michigan Department of Agriculture to Calvin Schutte dated April 10, 2012
- l. [Request](#) from Grandville Jenison Chamber
- m. Ottawa County Road Commission [newsletter](#) for May 2012

#120423-03 - Public Comments

The following people made public comments: Linda VanSprange, 9165 Cottonwood; Craig Bunce, 1169 Ester, Zeeland; Craig VanWeinen, 6784 City Ridge; Mike Munch 15497 138th Ave., Spring Lake; and Roger Victory, 5220 22nd Ave.

#120423-04 - Consent agenda

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to grant the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting held on [April 9, 2012](#);
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [April 23, 2012](#);
- c. Approval to proceed with the [Chloride Program](#) as provided in the Ottawa County project estimate. Note: The Utilities Committee recommended approval.
- d. Approval of the bid in the amount of \$. 25 per foot from B&B for sewer televising. Attachment: [bids](#). Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-05 - Bauer Rd. Resurfacing Pedestrian Path

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to approve paving six feet on each side of Bauer Rd. as proposed in the [estimate](#) provided by the Ottawa County Road Commission

Note: The Utilities Committee recommended approval. The estimate incorrectly states that it includes a mile outside of the Township to 56th Ave. and the cost actually is correct for the installation to 48th Ave.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-06 - Pioneer Lift Station

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Brett Strick, to approve the [bid](#) in the amount of \$84,950 from Grand Tech Inc. for the Pioneer Lift Station

Note: The Utilities Committee recommended approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-07 - Union Bank Demolition Bids

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Brett Strick, to approve the low bid in the amount of \$17,000 from Pitsch Co. for the demolition of the Union Bank Building (property purchased by the Township) at 7451 Union.

Attachment: [Bids](#)

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval.

The Superintendent noted that the murals from the Union Bank Building are in the Township lower level.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-08 - Changes with Legal Counsel

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to approve continuing with Law Weathers and to add the new firm of Bloom Slugget Morgan PC as legal counsel.

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Brett Strick questioned the changes.

Chad Tuttle stated that the attorney he uses depends on the issue and is based on the type of law for which he needed legal services.

Dan Carlton stated that the Township uses the prosecuting attorney and real estate specialist at Law Weathers and the rest of the attorneys used by the Township have moved to the new firm.

Jim Wierenga said he had considered the change and that it would be difficult to replicate the effectiveness and trust that has been built up with Cliff Bloom and he was okay with giving the new firm the opportunity.

Dan Carlton said that there were no major law suits pending at this time, only minor issues were pending.

D. Dale Mohr said that current cost of legal services is low.

Brett Strick asked if the Township paid retainers.

Dan Carlton said the Township does not pay retainers and the new firm will fix the same rate for two years.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-09 – Add an Item to the Agenda

Moved by Brett Strick, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to add an item to the agenda to purchase an ad from the Chamber of Commerce to produce maps.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-10 – Purchase an Add from the Chamber to Produce Maps

Moved by Brett Strick, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to purchase an ad for \$245 from the Chamber to produce maps.

Chad Tuttle recommended that a policy be developed with parameters to use in the future for such considerations and that purchasing this add had a community benefit of the maps for the public to use to promote Township business.

There was discussion about developing a policy for such future considerations; however, there was no consensus on whether or not a policy should be developed for future direction because some board members were in favor and others were opposed thinking requests should be handled on a case by case basis.

Yeas: Carol Scholma, Richard VanderKlok, Jim Wierenga, Steven Sanders, Chad Tuttle, Brett Strick

Nays: D. Dale Mohr

MOTION CARRIED.

#120423-11 - Public Comment

Linda VanSprange, 9165 Cottonwood, made public comments.

#120423-12 - Discussion and General information

Brett Strick discussed the land purchases.

Jim Wierenga urged people to vote May 8, 2012.

At the request of the Board, Sgt. Valerie Weiss gave an update on the assault incident within the Township.

#120423-13 - Closed Session to Discuss Property Negotiations

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to go to closed session for property negotiations.

Yeas: Brett Strick, Richard VanderKlok, Chad Tuttle, D. Dale Mohr, Carol Scholma, Steven Sanders, Jim Wierenga

Nays: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-14 - Open Session

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to go to open session.

Yeas: Brett Strick, Richard VanderKlok, Chad Tuttle, D. Dale Mohr, Carol Scholma, Steven Sanders, Jim Wierenga

Nays: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120423-15 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk